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Racism charged in city election

With the mailing of absentee ballots to nearly 5,000 Westland voters this week, allegations of racism and disinformation have been leveled at two candidates for city office.

One of the harshest critics of current mayoral candidate Kevin Coleman is Arthur Warren, the current president of the Westland Democratic Club. Warren claims that Coleman is deliberately misleading voters during his house-to-house campaign visits and that he is supported by a racist agenda. Coleman denies those allegations.

> *"They are on the edge of neo-Nazism and the Ku Klux Klan.*

Warren said that the Democratic Club would not endorse Coleman and had chosen to support incumbent Mayor William R. Wild.

"I will be biased, but truthful," Warren said, regarding his comments. The 40-year city resident claims that Coleman, who served on the city council prior to making a bid for the mayoral office, is blatantly lying to voters and has displayed racist tactics during the campaign.

"This group that supports him, Move Westland Forward, has never said a good thing about our city. They are on the edge of neo-Nazism and the Ku Klux Klan," Warren said. "Note that I said on the edge."

Coleman denies any affiliation with the Move Westland Forward group and said he is honest with potential voters.

"I am not involved with them (Move Westland Forward). They do their own thing," he said. "I know that they support me," he added.

Lisa Graham who manages the Move Westland Forward Group denies any trace of racism on the site.

"That is absolutely not true," she said. "We ban racist com-

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Drivers in Plymouth know to expect long delays when the barriers come down at local railroad crossings which have been reported to delay traffic for as long as 15 minutes. Photos by Don Howard

Slow motion

Continued train delays spark residents' complaints

Don Howard
Staff Writer

Frustrated motorists in Plymouth continue to complain about train delays, some lasting almost 20 minutes and stretching 2-3 miles across the community.

Complaints about blocked crossings are not a new topic in a town built around the railroad 150 years ago. Plymouth is still a major railroad intersection and for decades motorists and residents have learned to live and accept slow-moving rail traffic. As late as the 1960s, Chesapeake and Ohio passenger trains served the Plymouth community making regular daily runs to Detroit and Ann Arbor. At one time 27 trains regularly criss-crossed the city. Plymouth is one of the few communities in the state where trains run both east and west and north and south.

Ken Rutka, a 35-year old consumer research director who works in Ann Arbor, says he just moved to Plymouth last month and already had what he described as "an unbelievable train delay." Rutka said he's lived by railroad tracks his entire life but never encountered a train a long as the one on Starkweather Street on a recent Thursday.

"I was held up by a train in Plymouth this morning on Starkweather for 16 minutes by my count. Not something you want to run into on your morning commute…wish there were penalties to assure this wouldn't happen to motorists in the future," Rutka said in an email.

In recent years, frustrated city leaders have attempted to alleviate the train delay problem after facing irate residents. Traffic tickets have been issued to train engineers in an attempt to find a solution to the problem.

In 2002, then State Attorney

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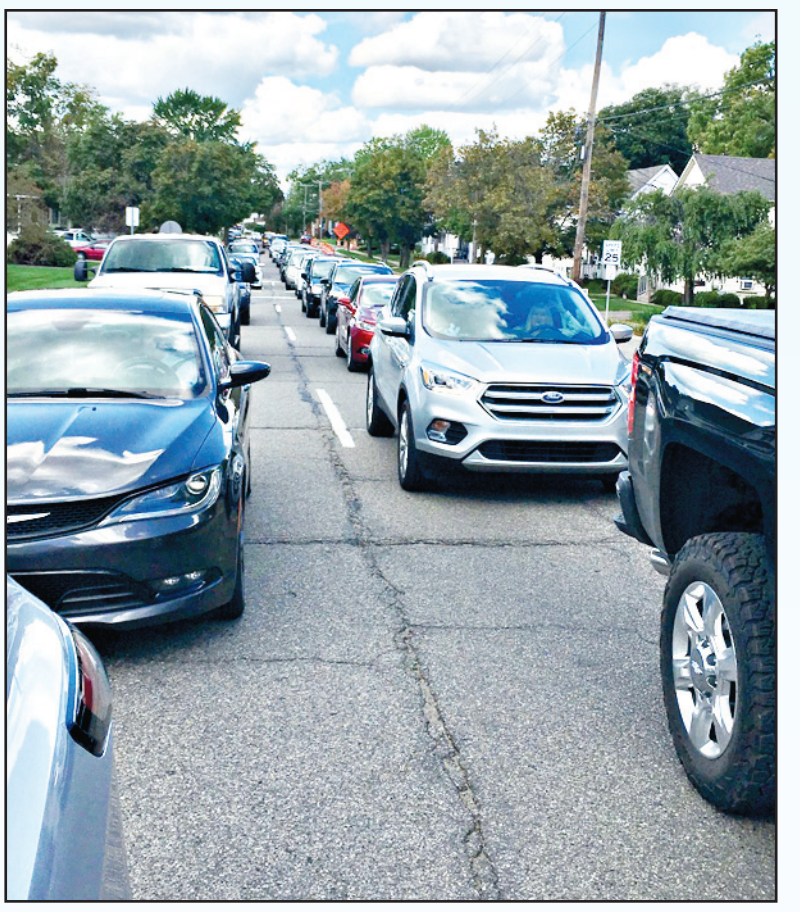

Area clerks urge voters to use absentee ballots

Election Day may be Nov. 7, but several thousand voters will be receiving their ballots during the next two weeks from local city and township clerks.

Richard LeBlanc, city clerk in Westland, said that his office would be mailing absentee ballots to 4,600 voters this week. He added that the total number of voters permanently registered as absentee voters in Westland totals about 7,300, but those voters must request an absentee ballot.

In Romulus, City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg said that her office would be mailing the absentee ballots Oct. 6.

"It really is an effort to make voting more convenient," Craig Bragg said. She said her office sends out postcards to citizens registered as permanent absentee voters asking them if they wish to request an absentee ballot.

"I think more people are taking advantage of absentee voting," she said. "Our office sent out literature explaining our new voting equipment and the absentee process."

LeBlanc agreed noting that he launched an outreach effort to increase absentee voting in Westland about 18 months ago with the approval of the mayor and city council members.

He said that he tries to get the ballots into the hands of the voters as soon as the language is approved by the state and county offices responsible for ensuring the accuracy of the verbiage. LeBlanc added that when he started the effort, there were about 4,600 Westland residents registered as permanent absentee voters.

"That total has increased to 7,300," he said. LeBlanc added that he had offered to go pick up the ballots from the official printer personally to ensure a prompt mailing in the city.

"We learned last Friday that our ballots were officially approved," LeBlanc said, "so we expect them here this week and then they will go into the mail."

Craig Bragg added that she felt there has been an issue of trust with voters. New procedures put into place by Secretary of State Ruth Johnson

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Belleville - Canton

We Can Do It

Yankee Air Museum schedules attempt to win Guinness record

Yankee Air Museum will host thousands of look-alikes next month in an effort to reclaim the Guinness World Record for the Largest Gathering of People Dressed as Rosie the Riveter.

Carhartt has joined the Oct. 14 effort as a sponsor of the event.

"This is huge!" exclaimed Kevin Walsh, executive director of Yankee Air Museum. "Carhartt is a name synonymous with quality workwear the likes of which made Rosie the Riveter emblematic of the Arsenal of Democracy during World War II. Having Carhartt as the top sponsor of the Rosie World Record event bolsters our financial ability and confidence to crush the old record. We are very thankful."

Since 2016, Yankee Air Museum has allowed the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, CA, to hold the coveted record. Walsh says that generosity will end soon now that Carhartt has stepped up to support the return of the record to its rightful home in Michigan.

"This local event is a testament to how Rosie the Riveter continues to influence so many people more than 70 years after she originally inspired millions," said Brian Bennett, vice president of brand creative at Carhartt. "Dating back to the 1940s and beyond, Carhartt has made workwear for hardworking women who can build or fix anything. We're incredibly honored to support an event that celebrates such an important piece of our country's heritage."

> *"The Rosie World Record event promises to be a great time of historic proportions. No one should miss it!*

The primary mission of any museum is to preserve history, and the Rosie legacy begins at historic Willow Run, site of the B-24 Bomber Plant where Rose Will Monroe, the Original Rosie the Riveter worked with thousands of other women.

On the second Saturday in October, Yankee Air Museum aims to reclaim the World Record. With anticipated crowds of more than 5,000, the event will be take place at the Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center, 799 N. Hewitt, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. The event is free, and online pre-registration is encouraged at http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/rosie-world-record. The celebration begins at 9 a.m., and Rosies must arrive by 11 a.m. to be counted in the official gathering. Participants of all ages are welcome.

The Guinness World Record group maintains strict standards, making it important for those who wish to be counted to wear the correct costume. The official costume must contain the following four items: Red, polka dot bandanna (not paisley); dark blue jumpsuit or dark blue pants and work shirt; red soccer-style socks and dark work shoes (no high heels, sandals, or open toes).

Cloth for bandannas can be purchased from leading fabric stores (ask for a pattern called "lipstick"). Dark blue jumpsuits, work shirts, and pants can be can be ordered online at Carhartt.com or purchased at major retailers. Red soccer-style socks can be purchased at most sporting goods stores. Bandannas and socks can also be purchased at the Yankee Air Museum gift shop.

"The Rosie World Record event promises to be a great time of historic proportions," said Walsh. "No one should miss it!"

Drivers in Canton to face further road closures

Nobody said it would be easy, and apparently, they were right.

Drivers throughout Canton Township will face another detour and road closing this week when Ridge Road, between Ford and Hanford roads is closed to traffic to accommodate paving.

Township officials said the closure and detour would continue for about 8 weeks as the road is paved to provide access to a 203-unit apartment complex under construction in the area. This closure adds to the closure of Lilley Road, north of Michigan Avenue, which will remain closed for a year at minimum while a bridge determined as unsafe in April is being replaced.

The delays for motorists will be complicated next year when the remainder of Ridge Road, from south of Hanford north to Warren will be paved. Canton Township and Wayne County will share in the paving costs of that section. The county is expected to pay about $1.9 million for the paving project while Canton Township will pay about $1.5 million of the total costs for the paving.

Earlier this month, the new Canton Roads Advisory Task Force met for the first time to help identify needed repairs for local roads and streets and to recommend ways to fund the needed renovations.

The goal of the task force is to determine a comprehensive approach to repairing all the roads in the township.

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VOTE FOR EXPERIENCE AND RESULTS

Mayor Wild was the leader that led the city through the recession. He was a consensus builder and got the City, the Unions and the City Council all on the same page as we right-sized the city's workforce. Mayor Wild worked with the Police Department to bring trained civilians into the station which allowed us to keep the manpower on the road at nearly the same level. We are proud to endorse Mayor Wild's re-election.
Westland Police Officer's Association

Mayor Wild's leadership and support of the Westland Fire Department has earned our endorsement of his campaign for re-election. **Mayor Wild** has successfully obtained federal grants to keep our manpower strong and has strategically reinvested in our stations and equipment giving us the resources to provide superior Fire and EMS service to Westland residents.
Westland Firefighters Local 1279

Mayor Wild continues to be "tough on crime" and is a huge proponent of best practices. His leadership was a driving force in the Police Department's recent CALEA certification which only six other Michigan Police Agencies have achieved. **Mayor Wild** has always supported Westland having a full-time Detective Bureau, Narcotics Team and Traffic Bureau to keep our neighborhoods and streets safe. For these reasons, along with his proven track record and experience, we are proud to support his re-election for Mayor.
Westland Lieutenants and Sergeants Association

Mayor Wild and his team were the first to take concessions during the recent recession and his Team Westland approach which includes ALL city employees has allowed the employees to take a much more customer service first approach to residents' concerns. We know the Mayor's vision is to take care of Westland's residents and businesses and we share his goal to try to improve the city each and every day. We are proud to support Mayor Wild's re-election campaign.
UAW Local 174 and AFSCME Local 1602

I'm impressed that the Mayor has made diversity a priority in hiring and appointments to the city board and commissions and for his track record of making progress. You can look all over the city and see improvements that are being made without our taxes going up.
Mack Mayfield, long-time Westland resident

Mayor Wild has been one of the city's most progressive Mayors. He has accomplished many things and tackled some of the city's long-standing issues that other Mayors weren't able to.
William Ziemba, long-time Westland resident

Mayor Wild's work ethic and calm demeanor have suited him well in his time as Mayor. He has that uncanny ability to perform at a high level each and every day and continue to make meaningful progress while continuing to tackle all the issues and crisis that land on the Mayor's desk that would slow others down.
Charles "Trav" Griffin ---Westland Mayor 1986-1989

PERSONAL

Westland Mayor 2007-Present
Westland City Council 2001-2006
Westland Planning Commission 1999-2000
Small Business Owner
(Scrap Busters U-Pull-It Auto & Truck Parts LLC)

Married (17yrs) 3 Children
Graduate John Glenn High School
Studied Business U of M-Dearborn
Harvard Kennedy School-Executive Education
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Police
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UAW-CAP Region 1A
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(population less than 100k)

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WESTLAND

City OK's purchase of new defibrillators

Members of the Westland City Council took a request from Fire Chief Michael Stradtner to heart last week.

The council members approved the purchase of five new cardiac monitor/defibrillators through Physio Control for $159,758, replacing units originally purchased from 2008-2010 that are now being recalled by the manufacturer.

"This was an essential purchase to address any potential issues that could have been experienced with the continued use of the recalled devices," noted Mayor William R. Wild.

Philips is experiencing a class 1 recall issued from the Federal Drug Administration concerning battery connection issues that may prevent the device from powering up, charging, and delivering an electrical shock therapy. The units being replaced are included in the recall and currently Philips has no solution in place to correct these devices, nor are they able to repair current devices.

Westland fire officials had reached out to Zoll Medical and Physio Control for loaner devices and removed the affected units from service while reviewing the situation and awaiting council approval. This purchase is being funded through the Capital Improvement Fund.

"I am very pleased with this purchase and thankful to our city leaders in recognizing and delivering on our current needs, to enable our department to continue to deliver quality care," commented Stradtner.

"These new units will help the Westland Fire Department to continue to deliver the patient care our community expects from their professional firefighters," commented Wild.

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ments."

"Coleman and this group completely discounts what Mayor Wild has accomplished for this city during the past decade. I fully understand political campaigning, but this has just gone too far," Warren said.

Warren claims that Coleman does not tell voters that he does not pay taxes in the city as he rents a flat above Westland Lock and Key and he disputes Coleman's claim that he is a teacher.

"He gives music lessons part-time," Warren said. "He implies to voters that he is a school teacher which is false. He may pay taxes indirectly, but he doesn't have the same skin in the game as a homeowner, that's for sure."

Coleman said that he is a part-time music instructor and that he went to a part-time status to campaign for the mayor's job.

Warren also claims that Coleman, 34, and his cousin, incumbent City Councilman Peter Herzberg, 26, have repeatedly misinformed residents about the crime statistics in the community.

"That man (Coleman) said that 'crime is rampant' in our community and that the police lost 25 percent of the officers. That is just not accurate. During the recession and home mortgage crisis, when the city lost about 45 percent of our funding, the city had to cut about 10 percent of officers, but the mayor and chief rearranged the department to bring on civilian employees to do desk work to get officers out on the street.

"As far as crime in this city goes, if you live here, you know those statements are not true. We have some crime, like every city, but as far as criminals roaming up and down the street, that's just another lie," Warren said.

Coleman, however, repeated his claims about rampant crime and said that he could point out a victim of robberies at any intersection in the city.

"Armed robbery is becoming common," he said and added that "break-ins are increasing" in the city. He insisted that his 25 percent cut in police staffing was accurate and based on figures taken from the city budget.

"If this is true, why won't the police department endorse Coleman or Herzberg?" Warren countered.

He is also critical of Herzberg.

> "I have lived in Westland for 40 years and I recognize racism when I see it. Move Westland Forward has a racist agenda and this is becoming a racist campaign no matter how they deny it."

Warren said that the reported accounts of Herzberg loitering at a school bus stop and taking pictures of students was indicative of his character.

Two police reports were made in April 2016 by parents concerned for the safety of their children who reported a man with "spiky" hair taking photos of them from his car near the school bus stop.

Herzberg, who claims to operate an educational consulting firm, was serving on the city council at the time of the incident. He was identified and interviewed by police officers and the subsequent report quotes him as admitting to "pretending" to take pictures of the children. He said his actions were an effort to deter the 10- and 11-year-olds who had been playing pranks near his father's home. He told police that he had actually taken no photos and the pretense was his attempt to stop the children from tampering with the house and vehicles.

Warren was most irate at the conduct of Coleman and Herzberg supporters, whom, he claims, have used racial epithets and have made threats against minorities in the city.

Those claims, too, are substantiated by police reports which detail one of Coleman's supporters using the N-word regarding the appointment to a city commission of a black man. The woman, a vocal supporter of Coleman, also told the clerk at the reception desk in city hall that "someone should put a bullet in his (Wild's) forehead," according to the police report.

Just last month, in another incident reported to Westland police, a male Coleman/Herzberg supporter also used threats and abusive language with a local minority business owner during a dispute regarding the placement of campaign signs.

"As an Afro-American, I sense this clearly," Warren said. "I have lived in Westland for 40 years and I recognize racism when I see it. Move Westland Forward has a racist agenda and this is becoming a racist campaign no matter how they deny it.

"We would never have obtained the 50th Best City to Live In award with the policies they support," Warren said.

Coleman said that he felt the issue was a matter of negative campaigning.

"I'm talking about city issues and they're throwing personal attacks," he said.

A local senior citizen, who asked not to be identified, said that she was extremely annoyed during a recent meet-the-candidates forum at the Westland Friendship Center when Coleman responded to a question saying that he intended to "clean house" and fire several department heads and hire a city manager.

She said she understood him to say that the title "city manager" was a "big hint as to who it would be."

Warren repeated his claims that Coleman and Herzberg are being untruthful and dishonest with potential voters.

"Look, I love politics," Warren said. "I love a factual discussion about issues. But this? This is just insulting to the voters and to the political process. These two, and Move Westland Forward are giving our whole community a black eye."

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INKSTER - WAYNE

Recall petitions OK'd against 4 officials

Language on recall petitions against Wayne City Councilman Christopher Sanders, Councilman Ryan Gabriel, Mayor Pro-tem Anthony Miller and Mayor Susan Rowe were unanimously approved by members of the Wayne County Elections Commission last Wednesday.

The petitions were presented for approval of language to the commission members by Bob Boertje. This was the second effort to have the petitions for recall approved. The first such petitions were rejected for unclear language Aug. 30.

These petitions, according to recall supporter Ron Roberts, a long-time city resident, were based on the vote of each of the four to extend city council terms by one year on Oct. 18, 2016.

"The language is very clear," Roberts said.

Boertje, however, said that he was still waiting to learn if another hearing was necessary to determine the accuracy or fact in the petitions.

"I don't know if there is another hearing to see if the language is true or false," he said. "I do know we are on the right track."

Roberts added that he was confident that the required 1,300 signatures could be obtained on the recall petitions within 60 days of the first signature. "We have a lot of volunteers willing to help with this effort," he said.

Rowe, who was out of state last week, said, "This is democracy and these are the rights of the citizens. I will just keep moving forward and being the mayor I have been."

The petition language approval followed on the heels of two raucous city council meetings during the past weeks. During both meetings, resident Mark Blackwell refused to acknowledge the 3-minute rule for citizens' comments and continued speaking over the insistent gaveling of Rowe. At the meeting two weeks ago, Rowe asked that a police officer remove Blackwell and then temporarily recessed the meeting. Again Tuesday evening, when Blackwell insisted on his right to speak at length despite Rowe's reminders of the time limits, Rowe was forced to recess the meeting twice, although some council members refused to leave the council chambers. Rowe eventually reconvened the meeting and told Blackwell to continue his prolonged account regarding citizens' right to be heard.

Residents at the meeting also questioned the removal of an item placed on the agenda by Miller suggesting the termination of City Manager Lisa Nocerini. That item was removed from the agenda early in the meeting. Also of concern to residents was a report from the city attorney regarding the implementation of the ward system in the city, a move approved by voters but never adopted. Following a special meeting two weeks ago regarding the issue, the council referred the issue to the city attorney for a report. The report was accepted and filed with no discussion Tuesday, residents voiced their objections.

Inkster Legends begins holiday raffle sales

It may still be September, but the Inkster Legends are already planning their Annual Christmas Giveaway.

The annual raffle funds holiday groceries and gifts for 100 less fortunate Inkster families.

"We just completed our 20th anniversary of the Inkster Legends Free Basketball Camp last month and now the stage is set for our next event," noted Director Fred Smiley.

This year the annual raffle will include a grand prize of two tickets to see the Houston Rockets vs. the Detroit Pistons at Little Caesar's Arena Jan. 6, 2018. First prize is a weekend stay at the Sheraton Hotel with breakfast and second prize will be four tickets to The Henry Ford museum. Third prize is a birthday party blast for 15 people at the Romulus Athletic Center and fourth prize is two racks of lamb from Fairway meats in Detroit. Fifth prize is a one-day weekend stay at the Marriott Hotel and sixth prize is a Garmin GPS Navigation system. Seventh, Eighth and Ninth prizes are dinner for two at Urban Soul, dinner for two at They Say and dinner for two at Red Lobster. Bonus prize this year is a $25 gift certificate at Famous Ford Garage restaurant in Dearborn and the bonus grand prize is a family package for four people to see the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters at Little Caesar's Arena.

Tickets for the raffle of all these prizes is a $10 donation and winners need not be present to win, Smiley said. "All proceeds from the raffle go to the Christmas Giveaway."

The drawing for the raffle will take place at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the Sheraton Hotel in Romulus.

"This fundraiser will really help in our efforts to provide 100 families in Inkster with a great Christmas," Smiley said. "We also accept donations and to donate or for more information go to www.inksterlegends.com and click on contact us."

For raffle tickets contact Smiley at (734) 890-2478, Daniel Orr (313) 715-6700 or Larry Spencer (313) 520-8144.

State legislator criticizes civil service decision

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) had some harsh words of criticism regarding a decision of the Michigan Civil Service Commission earlier this month.

Members of the commission adopted new rules that severely limit Michigan civil service workers' ability to negotiate job protections such as seniority, recall rights and the ability to negotiate grievances.

"I am extremely disappointed in the Civil Service Commission's action to strip state employees of the right to bargain over such issues as overtime, seniority and more.

"An efficient and well-functioning state government depends on experienced, dedicated employees. By its vote, the Civil Service Commission is telling those employees that they are not worthy of certain bargaining rights despite the invaluable service they provide their neighbors, their community and their state. Many of those employees will likely feel more valued elsewhere and take their training and experience to another employer, leading to higher turnover and reduced quality of service," Jones said in a prepared statement.

State government now has the power to override clauses in union contracts with state employees in times of financial emergencies and department managers have control as to the reassignment of state employees following layoffs and overtime.

Hundreds of state workers protested the decision when the Michigan Civil Service Commission voted 3-1 to adopt the new rules during a meeting in Lansing last week.

"This was the wrong decision, and the citizens of Michigan are going to pay the price," Jones concluded.

Jim HART

For Westland City Council

Jim Hart has spent more than two decades volunteering in our community helping various civic groups and local advisory bodies. He has a wealth of management experience to help our city continue to grow and prosper. As a small business owner, he is dedicated to promoting and protecting the interests of business and families in our community.

Hart is a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Army
Hart served on the board of directors of the Westland Chamber of Commerce
Hart served on the Brownfield Redevelopment Committee
Hart worked on the Westland Master Plan Committee
Hart is a former president of the Westland Area Jaycees and led the group to the top chapter status in 2015
Hart is a recognized industry leader

Jim Hart has a bachelor's degree in business management and is a certified project management professional (PMP). He is a State Presidents Coach and a State Training Officer with the Michigan Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Hart and his family own a home and live in Westland.
He is a results focused leader with 20 years experience in public, private and non-profit sectors.
He is a lifelong community volunteer and community project organizer
now willing to lend his experience and abilities to the Westland City Council.

Jim Hart is endorsed by the Westland Democratic Club,
Westland Mayor William R. Wild and City Councilman Michael Kehrer and State Rep. Robert Kosowski.

VOTE JIM HART NOV. 7.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Dorsey Center, 32150 Dorsey, Westland, MI 48186, **on October 26th, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

WESTLAND SENIOR CENTER - TILE REPLACEMENT SERVICES

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

This project is a federally funded, Davis Bacon Prevailing wages will apply.

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Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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JEFFERSON BARNS COMMUNITY CENTER - HVAC IMPROVEMENTS

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CITY OF WESTLAND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC NOTICE

The following appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Council Chambers of Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI, Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at which time comments may be directed to the Board during audience participation. If you wish to reply by mail, send your comments to the above address. All property owners whose names appear in our tax rolls located within 300' of this property are being notified pursuant to this statute.

Petition #2861-S. Wolfe-7619 Louise Ct.
Req. for a side yd. fence location variance and a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code, to install a 6' high privacy fence in the south side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-304(a) states that only rear yds. may be enclosed with a fence and Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

Petition #2862-M. King-31022 Hiveley
Req. for a 1'6" side yd. fence hgt. variance from Art. X of the Westland City Code, to install a 6' high privacy fence in the east side yd. of the home; whereas Sec. 22-303(c) states that side yd. fences that are allowed cannot exceed 4'6" in hgt.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – September 19, 2017

A regular study session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Motion by Williams, supported by Sneideman to appoint Treasurer Slavens as Temporary Clerk for this meeting only. Motion carried by all members present. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: Siegrist Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Trumbull, Bob Belair, Bill Serchak, Brad Sharp, Deb Janice Staff Absent: Director Meier Guests Present: OHM Representatives: Murat Upashir, Kent Early, Dave Losinsky, John Tanner **Adoption Of Agenda** Motion by Foster, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda to move Public Comment to the beginning of the meeting. Motion carried by all members present. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** George Miller, 1946 Briarfield, presented the board with a petition signed by 8 residents on Briarfield regarding the Water Main Replacement work being done on their street. Mr. Miller also commented on a personal issue regarding barking dog(s) and concerns he has regarding the landfill. **STUDY SESSION: TOPIC 1: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Assistance Project – Update PRESENTERS:** Tim Faas, Municipal Services Director Wendy Trumbull, Finance & Budget Director Bob Belair, Public Works Manager **ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS:** Greg Hohenberger, Leisure Services Director Murat Ulasir, OHM Kent Early, OHM The Board was provided with the background on this multi-year long project which commenced in October 2016. The Board was presented with some of the early findings of the project in advance of the 2018 and 2019 budget deliberations. During the PowerPoint presentation the Board was given a Cost Breakdown and Task Summary Table. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available in the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours or by calling 734-394-5120. **OTHER:** None **ADJOURN:** Motion by Sneideman, supported by Anthony to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. __Dian Slavens, Temporary Clerk __Pat Williams, Supervisor

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the Clerk's office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, 734-394-5120, during regular business hours or be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 16, 2017** for the purpose of considering proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Article 3, Single-Family Residential Districts; Article 4, Multiple-Family Districts; Article 5, Residential Manufactured Home Districts; Article 6, Central Business District; Article 7, Business Districts; Article 8, Industrial Districts; Article 9, Airport District; Article 11, Use Standards; Article 17, Site Plan Review Requirements and Procedures; and Article 18, Special Land Use Review Requirements and Procedures.

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the proposed text amendments are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours - Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
For the City General Election to be held on
Tuesday, November 7, 2017
City of Westland, County of Wayne

Please take Notice that the City General Election in the City of Westland will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017.
The last day on which persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, is Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Persons registering after 4:00 in the evening on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 are not eligible to vote at this City General Election.

On the ballot for the City General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 will be:

Mayor - Vote for one (1)
City Council - Vote for four (4)

Garden City Public Schools Proposal

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW
19.8320 MILLS FOR 5 YEARS

Romulus Community Schools Proposals

I. OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
2.5 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS
ALL PROPERTY
EXCEPT PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW

II. ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL
3 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS

Taylor School District Proposal

OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL
18 MILLS FOR 10 YEARS
EXEMPTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE
AND OTHER PROPERTY EXEMPTED BY LAW

Full text of the ballot propositions may be obtained at the administrative offices of Garden City Public Schools, 1333 Radcliff Street, Garden City, Michigan 48135-1126, telephone: (734) 762-8300, Romulus Community Schools, 36540 Grant Street, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1400, telephone: (734) 532-1602 or Taylor Public Schools, 10201 Holland Road, Taylor, Michigan 48180, telephone: (313) 295-1542.

A sample of the ballot containing the full text of ballot proposals may be obtained at the City of Westland City Clerk's Office, at ***http://www.cityofwestland.com/departments/city-clerk*** or at ***Michigan.gov/vote***. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's office.

You may register at the Westland City Clerk's office, 36300 Warren Road; Westland, MI 48185 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM or at any Secretary of State Office.

Richard LeBlanc
Westland City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Plymouth Clerk's Office is currently seeking applications for residents who are interested in serving on the various boards and commissions that operate in conjunction with the staff at the Township to provide the best level of service and to ensure that we draw from the diverse population of the Township and take advantage of the various levels of interest, experience and expertise that is available in our Township. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 734-354-3228 to express your interest or to request an application if you would like to be considered for one of these positions as future vacancies occur.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, October 12, 2017 for the following:

PURCHASE OR LEASE OF CARDIOVASCULAR EQUIPMENT 2017

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CITY OF WESTLAND
SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES
MTG. 18 9/18/17

Presiding: President Godbout
Present: Cicirelli Bryant, Coleman, Hammons, Herzberg, Johnson, Kehrer
159: Crunch Fitness 5K Run 10/28.
- Bid for Sand/Slag/Gravel 2 yr. contract to Ellsworth Industries on as needed basis.
- Bid for Monitor/Defibrillator Purchase to Physio Control; amt. $159,758.
160: Minutes of regular meeting on 9/5/17.
161: Rev. Site Plan for Prop. Ext. Renovations, Kentucky Fried Chicken, 34015 Ford Rd. w/contingencies.
162: Prop. Land Div., 1776 N. Walton w/contingencies.
163: Conf. appt. of M. Williams to Planning Comm. to fill unexp. term to exp. 5/18/18.
163: Conf. appt. of N. Leonhard to TIFA/EDC for 4 yr. term to exp.9/18/21.
164: Appr. checklist: $1,144,825.67.
Mtg. adj. at 8:29 p.m.

James Godbout
Council President
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Richard LeBlanc
City Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
City of Romulus, Michigan
November 7, 2017 November City General Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ROMULUS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017. **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTION IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2017 BY 4:00 p.m.**
Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at a Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County or the City of Romulus Clerk's office.
Persons residing in the City of Romulus registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the election.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following offices will appear on the ballot: **City Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer, Seven (7) City Council Members – all offices are full terms of four (4) years ending 2021.**
THE FURTHER PURPOSE of the election is to vote on the following School Proposals as presented and listed below:
ROMULUS PUBLIC SCHOOLS:
Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the administrative offices of Romulus Community Schools, Director of Business Operations, Dr. Vincent Mensah, 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, MI 48174 and telephone: 734-532-1622.

PROPOSAL I.
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy a reduced number of mills previously authorized to be levied on all property, except property exempted by law and renews hold harmless millage that expired with the 2016 tax levy.

Shall the total limitation on the hold harmless mills used for operating purposes which may be assessed against all property, except property exempted by law, in Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by 2.5 mills ($2.50 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2017 to 2026, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect from hold harmless taxes authorized herein if the millage is approved and levied in 2017 is approximately $870,000 (this is a renewal of 2.5 mills out of 5.1314 previously authorized millage that expired with the 2016 tax levy)?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

PROPOSAL II.
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
SINKING FUND MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Romulus Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, be increased by and the board of education be authorized to levy not to exceed 3 mills ($3.00 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2018 to 2027, inclusive, to create a sinking fund for the purchase of real estate for sites for, and the construction or repair of, school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and all other purposes authorized by law; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2018 is approximately $2,300,000?

YES [ ] NO [ ]

PERSONS ENTITLED to be registered voters in the City of Romulus must possess the following qualifications on or before the day of the election: (1) a citizen of the United States; (2) not less than 18 years of age; (3) a resident of the State of Michigan and the City of Romulus for not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.492). In addition, qualified electors must be registered to vote not less than 30 days prior to the election (MCL 168.497).
Registrations will be received at Romulus City Hall located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City of Romulus Clerk
Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office.
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Calendar of events

Art entries sought

Entries are now being accepted for the 8th annual Belleville Community Art Show.

The exhibit will take place Oct. 27 through 29 at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) and is organized by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

Entry forms are available at the Belleville Area District Library, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Yacht Club, Garden Fantasy on Main, the Professional Building, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Twisted Rooster and at Van Buren Township Hall.

There are adult, teen and children's categories and cash prizes are available.

Entry forms can also be downloaded at www.bacaartshow.org or artshow@bacaart.org.

For more information, call (734) 357-8000.

$25,000 raffle under way

Tickets for the second annual Northville Educational Foundation $25,000 Cash For College Raffle are now available.

Tickets are priced at $50 each, or three for $100. Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Northville Educational Foundation and the 7,300 students in the district. If ticket sales total less than $50,000, the prize will revert to a 50/50 drawing with a minimum of a $1000 prize.

The drawing will take place at about 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at downtown the Northville Tree Lighting Ceremony in the town square just after the Holiday Lighted Parade. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Tickets will be sold until the start of the parade Nov. 17, or until all 1500 tickets are sold, whichever comes first. Purchasers must be 18 or older.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.SupportNEF.org or in person at the Northville Educational Foundation office at 501 West Main St. in Northville.

Health Fair vendors sought

The Romulus Senior Center Annual Health Fair is now accepting vendors for the event planned for Oct. 10.

Health professionals can highlight their companies with the senior community. Table space rental is $100. Gifts to be raffled off are also being sought.

Set up will begin at 9 a.m. and the fair will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

For more information, contact Senior Services Director Rose Swidan, (734) 955-4120 or email rswidan@romulusgov.com.

Library Storytimes begin

Storytimes are planned for September and October at the Belleville District Library.

Family Storytimes will take place at 6:30 p.m. Mondays for children ages 4-10; Fall Tuesday "Toddler Times" are planned for 11 a.m. for children ages 2-4 and Fall Thursday "Toddler Times" will take place at 11 a.m.

The Belleville Area District Library is located at 167 Fourth St. For more information, call (734) 699-3291.

Family Story Time planned

The Romulus Public Library will host Family Story Time at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays through Oct. 19.

Story Time will include aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (STEAM) depending on the weekly meeting theme.

For more information on the free event, call (734)942-7589 or visit www.romuluslibrary.org.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

Movie and Pizza Party planned

The Romulus District Library will host a Teen/Tween Movie and Pizza Party at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The movie will be Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol. 2. The movie is rated PG-13 for those ages 11 and older.

This is a free event.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Philharmonic opens season

The Michigan Philharmonic will opens a new season on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Village Theater in Canton with "A Bit of Beethoven & Blue Jeans".

This 2017-18 concert series themed Arts Advocacy, highlights the Michigan Philharmonic commitment to community and diversity as the orchestra features music by composers from different cultural backgrounds, as well as inviting local artists and various youth groups to collaborate. During the past 72 years, amid ever-changing educational systems, policies, and economic stability, Michigan Philharmonic unwavering support for composers, music education and community engagement has remained pertinent in preserving artistic integrity and enrichment through performance and education.

For more information on times and tickets, visit www.michiganphil.org or call (734) 451-2112.

Church hosts festival and craft show

St. John's Episcopal Church will host a festival from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m. and craft show from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

Attractions include a bounce house, beer tent, food vendors, bake sale and silent auction.

There will be live entertainment from 2-10 p.m.

The church is located at 555 S. Wayne Road in Westland.

For information, call (734) 721-5023

Cemetery Walk is planned

This year, the Annual Wayne Historical Cemetery Walk is planned from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 1.

This is the 4th Annual Cemetery Walk sponsored by the Wayne Historical Society and will take place in St. Mary Cemetery located on Michigan Avenue and Howe Road in Wayne.

Visitors can walk through the cemetery, enjoy cider and donuts as guides highlight the history of the burial ground and introduce many of the historical figures buried there.

This year, visitors will learn about a World War I soldier, a Wayne midwife, several farm families, the founding families of St. Mary Church, Civil War soldiers and well-known first businessmen.

The walk is free and no tickets are required although voluntary donations will be accepted and are welcome.

Parking will be available on Josephine Street, just east of the cemetery in the parkway leading to Dynamite Park.

For more information, call (313) 605-9821.

Garden club to discuss trees

The Romulus Garden Club will host Frank Kalinski discussing trees as part of the speaker series at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 2.

The discussion will take place at the Romulus Public Library, 11121 Wayne road, Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

The Romulus Garden Club is a partnership of the Romulus Recreation Department and Romulus Public Library.

Chocolate Affair tickets on sale

The 13th annual "A Chocolate Affair" is planned for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at the Italian American Banquet Center, 38200 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

The event is presented by the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elizabeth Fagan Division and all funds raised will benefit First Step, a program for counseling and emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their families.

The event includes an afternoon of tasting chocolate specialties from area restaurants, bakeries, caterers and chocolate makers. There will be a raffle and door prizes.

Tickets for the event are $30 and may be purchased at First Step offices in Plymouth and Wayne as well as through the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. For information or tickets, call Barb Weir at (734) 453-1459 or Pat Burba at (734) 981-1702.

Diamond of Community honored

The Wayne Commission on Aging members have chosen Pat Rice as the winner of the 2017 Diamond of the Community Award.

Rice will be honored at a recognition dinner at 6 p.m. Oct. 3 at the HYPE recreation center followed by a city council presentation.

Tickets are priced at $15 and are now available at the Senior Services Office, 4635 Howe Road, open from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and at Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road.

For more information, call (734) 721-7460.

Senior care will be topic

In-Home Care an Senior Residences will be discussed by an attorney from the Michigan Attorney General's office at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at the HYPE Recreation Center in Wayne

Highlights of the presentation will include a discussion of the different levels of care available, Michigan senior residence options and resources and how to recognize elder abuse warning signs.

The program is free and part of the consumer education outreach program of the state attorney general's office.

For more information call the Wayne Senior Services Office at (734) 721-7460 ext. 7. HYPE is located at 4635 Howe Road at Annapolis in Wayne.

Northville Cemetery Walk set

The Leaders and Legends of Northville will be discussed during the Northville Cemetery Walk 2017 set for 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8 at Rural Hill Cemetery.

The cemetery is located off Seven Mile Road between Center and Rogers streets. Visitors are asked to park in the lot at the front of the cemetery.

Tickets are priced at $10 for members of the historical society or $15 for non-members if purchased in advance. Tickets will be $18 is purchased the day of the walk.

Tickets can be purchased at Mill Race Village, Knightsbridge or online at www.millracenorthvill.org or by phone at (248) 348-1845.

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54. Rummage Sales

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Sept 28 9-5p.m.
Sept 29 9-4p.m.
Sept 30 9-11a.m.

Furniture, tools, household items
VERY GOOD CLOTHING
and misc items

59. Auctions

NOTICE OF AUCTION AT J&T CROVA TOWING 36573 GRANT, ROMULUS, MI 48174 (734) 941-1520 WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18, 2017 @ 9:00 AM

2006 FORD ESCAPE
1FMYU92Z76KA57859
1998 LINCOLN CONTINTAL
1LNFM97V6WY604310
2006 BUICK LACROSSE
2G4WD582261217723
2003 KIA RIO
KNADC125436222269
2002 MERCURY SABLE
1MEFM55S42G618842
1997 FORD MUSTANG
1FALP4042VF167795
2006 HONDA CIVIC
1HGFA16556L127397
1974 BOAT TRAILER
101L1610061
1993 CHEVROLET ASTRO
1GNDM19Z1PB205040
1997 FORD ESCORT
1FALP13P5VW258922
1999 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER
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TOM CARR
Monday, October 30 at 6:30pm
MEET THE AUTHOR

Tom Carr is an independent writer and journalist in Northern Michigan who spent 25 years in daily newspapers. He's won journalistic awards for his investigative reporting, feature writing, breaking news and his humor columns. As a freelancer, Carr has produced many stories for public radio and his work has been broadcast on NPR and Michigan Radio. His work has appeared in the Detroit Free Press, the New York Daily News, traverseticker.com, Traverse Magazine and others.

Before Michigan became a state, there were witch trials, scalp collectors, dirty sports, and a massacre of epic proportions. The lumber era that followed made Michigan as much of a wild, wild west as Deadwood. And Prohibition allowed a group of Detroit thugs to run roughshod over even the likes of Al Capone.

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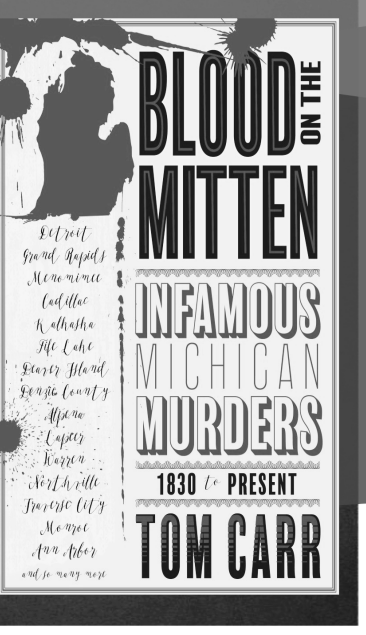

Romulus Public Library
11121 Wayne Rd. | Romulus, MI 48174 | 734-942-7589

Plymouth

Wall art
Library unveils Pewabic mural

Visitors to the Plymouth District Library will notice a colorful new art installation in the vestibule near the main door.

A new custom tile mural created by Pewabic Pottery of Detroit has been unveiled at the downtown Plymouth facility. Including community landmarks and natural features, the mural features approximately 650 tiles glazed in more than a dozen colors in hallmark Pewabic style.

Founded by Mary Chase Perry Stratton in the early 1900s, Pewabic Pottery has enriched lives through art education and outreach for more than a century. The installation began the week of Aug. 14 and installers worked during regular library hours, allowing visitors to see the mural take shape.

This project was made possible by a generous contribution from an anonymous donor, noted Library Director Carol Souchock, and has been in the works for the last year.

Many meetings took place to determine exactly what local landmarks would be included to represent and celebrate the community.

The Pewabic design team, including Senior Designer Special Projects Genevieve Sylvia, and Glaze Development Specialist Alex Thullen, among others, worked through several renditions to convey the Plymouth community including both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. One half of the mural features iconic landmarks of the city like the Penn Theater and downtown clock.

The tile mural was created, cut and molded by hand by Pewabic artists. Tile pieces then passed through multiple kiln firings (2300° F) to achieve the end-glaze colors. At that point, the mural pieces were then re-assembled to insure fit, quality and final approval.

Early discussions by the Library Board of Trustees pointed toward Pewabic and its longstanding reputation in southeast Michigan.

"We are so excited to share the tradition and history of Pewabic Pottery with the patrons of the Plymouth District Library," said Mary Maguire, president of the library board of trustees. "The art tile installation not only honors the Plymouth community but the larger metro area, as Pewabic is a Detroit-based non-profit. Like our library, Pewabic Pottery is committed to excellence and to providing educational opportunities, passing knowledge to those who seek it," she added.

Plymouth District Librarian Carol Souchock and one of the artists from DeSandre Brothers fist bump at the completion of the installation of the new Pewabic Tile mural at the library. Photo by Dave Willett

Souchock, worked with all parties on the project, including library architect Ron Cieslak. "It was through this diligent effort that a final design was determined," she explained. "In the coming years, this work of art will become a landmark in itself."

DeSandre Brothers installed the artwork at the library.

Plymouth Township Fire Department wins federal grant

A $195,000 federal grant will fund the replacement of obsolete fire safety equipment for the Plymouth Township Fire Department.

According to Fire Chief Dan Phillips, the department was notified Sept. 8 that the grant application submitted through the Federal Emergency Management System (FEMA) about a year ago had been approved and the funding for 25 new Self-Contained Breathing apparatus (SCBA) devices had been approved.

These devices are used by firefighters to provide breathable air in areas where smoke and fumes are dangerous to life and health. The devices are usually used during fire suppression activities, Phillips said, as well as rescuing victims in a fire or other dangerous environments.

The township will be responsible for 10 percent of the total cost of the devices, about $19,000, Phillips said and the cost will need approval from the members of the board of trustees. The current devices used by the firefighters have not been replaced in the department since the units were purchased in 1999 and no longer meet the safety standards for such equipment. The new breathing apparatus will allow Plymouth Township to be compatible with the equipment used by surrounding communities such as Northville and Canton townships.

The grant funding will allow the township to replace the SCBA units on every fire truck and ambulance at all three fire stations in the township, Phillips added.

Phillips said the equipment should be in the stations later this year and that the current staff of 21 firefighters would begin training to use the new capabilities the SCBA units now offer.

Another federal grant of more than $173,000 to the Plymouth Township Fire Department for equipment was announced by U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters last week. Plymouth Township was among departments awarded $1.2 million in equipment funding from the federal grant program.

"Our firefighters in southeast Michigan put their lives on the line to protect our families and homes," Stabenow said in a prepared release, adding that "these brave men and women will have the equipment they need to help them do their jobs more safely and effectively."

Peters said the equipment will help firefighters "protect our homes, businesses and families" and "safety serve their communities."

"As a longtime resident of Westland, I want to continue helping our City improve, so that it is a place where people continue to be proud to live and work."

Experience:
- ★ Former City Council Member
- ★ Planning Commissioner
- ★ Director on the Board of REALTORS
- ★ Board of REALTORS Government Affairs Committee
- ★ Westland-Wayne Relay for Life team captain (since 2000) & Lead committee member
- ★ Friends of the Westland Library President

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- ★ Mayor William R. Wild
- ★ Former Mayors Tom Taylor & Travis Griffin
- ★ Planning Commissioners Ken Sharp & Andy Spisak
- ★ Westland Lieutenants & Sergeants Association
- ★ Westland Fire Firefighters Union 1279
- ★ Westland Police Officer's Association
- ★ School Board President Shawna Goldsmith-Walker
- ★ AFSCME Local 1602

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NORTHVILLE - ROMULUS

Informational forum on school bond scheduled

Northville Public Schools families and community members can learn more about Bond 2017 at the second of two community forums being hosted by the Northville Board of Education. The bond proposal - which will go before voters at the Nov. 7 election - would allow the district to upgrade school facilities, enhance existing building security, and provide modern learning environments across the school district, officials said. If approved, the $104.85 million bond proposal would result in a zero increase in the current debt millage rate for taxpayers, they stressed.

The second Bond 2017 community forum is scheduled from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road in Northville.

Members of the Northville Board of Education have said Bond 2017 will benefit students, families and the community in a variety of ways, including; learning environment upgrades to meet modern learning and teaching practices; improvements to address the aging infrastructure of district buildings; safety and security upgrades that build on security upgrades already in place and energy and operational initiatives to improve the environmental quality and efficiency of buildings, as well as reduce operational expenses.

The bond proposal is the culmination of a two-year facility and infrastructure planning initiative to upgrade aging buildings to support learner-centered school communities. In March, a study committee of district and community stakeholders came together to review and analyze a comprehensive Facilities Needs Assessment for the district; consider stakeholder feedback from two community engagement sessions; prioritize needs; and present a recommendation to the board of education members. In July, the board members unanimously supported placing the $104.85 million bond initiative on the Nov. 7 ballot.

> *It makes financial sense to bring this bond proposal before voters at this time.*

The bond proposal includes a major addition and renovation at Hillside Middle School, to maintain its near-downtown location, with a portion of the existing building being demolished after construction of three academic wings. Program upgrades at Northville High School will support current and future enrollment by expanding common physical education/fitness and co-curricular areas, along with installation of multi-use turf to replace the existing high school athletic field for physical education, athletic, band and community use. In addition, the bond will support restoration and renovation of the vacant Old Village School for the Early Childhood program and administrative offices.

"It makes financial sense to bring this bond proposal before voters at this time," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "It will enable the school district to address much-needed facility updates to meet the current and future educational needs of our students with no projected increase in the current debt millage rate. It also will allow the district to preserve general fund dollars for instruction and classroom needs by providing a dedicated funding source to address identified and prioritized site, facility, safety and security and equipment needs."

The bond forum will begin with a short presentation sharing the overall bond proposal, its impact on 21st century learning, and how it can be financed while maintaining the current 3.64 mills debt millage rate for taxpayers. Following the presentation, participants can take part in breakout sessions where they can hear about projects and improvements at individual schools and facilities. Tours of Meads Mill also will be available.

For more information about Bond 2017 - including detailed lists of bond projects by building; answers to frequently asked questions about the bond and voting information - visit the district website at www.NorthvilleSchools.org and click on "2017 Bond Information." Questions regarding the bond proposal can be emailed to NPS@NorthvilleSchools.org.

Romulus Tim Horton's owner to pay $22,500 fine

A Romulus-based franchisee of Tim Horton's Cafe and Bake Shop will pay $22,500 to settle a religious accommodation lawsuit filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), according to the federal agency.

The EEOC lawsuit charged that Sleneem Enterprises, LLC who operates the Romulus Tim Horton's, violated federal law by firing Amanda Corley after she requested a religious accommodation. According to the EEOC lawsuit, in 2015, Corley was hired by Sleneem to work at the Romulus cafe. On Nov. 16 of that year, Corley requested that she be permitted to wear a skirt instead of pants, in accordance with her Pentecostal Apostolic religious beliefs. Corley attempted to present a letter from her pastor, explaining her need to wear a skirt, court documents claimed. Rather than allow Corley to wear a skirt, Sleneem fired her, the EEOC said.

Such alleged conduct violates Tile VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employers from discriminating against employees based on their religious beliefs. The EEOC filed suit in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan after first attempting to reach a pre-litigation settlement through its conciliation process.

> *Under federal law, an employer has an obligation to fairly balance an employee's right to practice religion with operating its business.*

The consent decree settling the suit, in addition to providing for the award of monetary relief to Corley, prohibits any similar discrimination in the future and requires Sleneem to train shift supervisors and managers on all forms of discrimination prohibited by Title VII, including the obligation to provide reasonable religious accommodations.

"Under federal law, an employer has an obligation to fairly balance an employee's right to practice religion with operating its business," said Miles Uhlar, trial attorney for the EEOC Detroit Field Office. "When this obligation is not met, the EEOC will step in and protect workers."

The EEOC's Detroit Field Office is part of the agency Indianapolis District Office, which oversees Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and parts of Ohio.

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"Let's continue to support our police and fire service, improve and enhance our senior services, build our businesses and neighborhood, stabilize our water rates and fix our roads."
~ Mike Kehrer

EXPERIENCE:
- ✓ Distinguished service as Westland City Councilman
- ✓ Production manager at Duo-Gard Industries
- ✓ Former member of the EEQC and Westland Cable Commissions

EDUCATION:
- ✓ Graduate of John Glenn High School
  Bachelors degree in Public Administration
- ✓ Certified in Local Government Fiscal Management
- ✓ Member Michigan Municipal League Leadership Academy

DEDICATION:
- ✓ 30 years of volunteer service
- ✓ 5 generations of Westland residency
- ✓ 8 years of balanced city budgets while maintaining core city services
- ✓ Approximately 20 new businesses in the last year
- ✓ More than $74 million in new commercial and residential development

ENDORSEMENTS:
- ✓ Mayor William R. Wild
- ✓ State Representative Robert Kosowski
- ✓ Westland Firefighters local 1279
- ✓ Westland Police Sgt. & Lts.
- ✓ Westland Police Officers Association (WPOA)
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- ✓ UAW CAP Region 1A
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- ✓ Westland Dem Club
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Veterans' picnic is Saturday

The 50th Commemorative Picnic will take place Sept. 30 at the Plymouth VFW Post 6695, located at 1426 S. Mill St. This event is free to all Vietnam veterans, and their families, as a way to say thank you for their service. A barbeque and family activities will be included at the event.

There will be information about Hepatitis-C, Agent Orange and other medical conditions available along with facts about benefits, veterans' services and an Honor and Remember Flag Ceremony.

The highlight of the event is expected to be the presentation of 50th Vietnam commemorative pins by Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Charles Kettles. The pins will be presented to every Vietnam veteran who attends.

For more information, call the Plymouth VFW Post at (734) 459-6700.

Ballots

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allowing voters to check their absentee ballot as to when it is received by the local clerk and when it is counted have really improved voter trust in the system, she said.

Craig Bragg added that the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks has been lobbying legislators heavily to approve a "no reason" absentee ballot, meaning that the voter does not have to be older than 60, handicapped or expecting to be out-of-town on Election Day to qualify.

"I think that would encourage even more people to vote absentee," Craig Bragg said. "It really does make it easier on the voter, but then again, many folks do choose to come to the polls to cast their votes."

Both clerks reminded residents that absentee ballots can be requested until the day before the election but would have to be filled out at city hall in that case. Clerk's offices in nearly every municipality will be open Nov. 4, the Saturday prior to the election. The last day to register to vote is Oct. 10.

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NOTABLE CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Michael Londeau is the youngest chairman of Westland Downtown Development Authority
- ✓ Under his leadership, more than $20 million was invested in the district and improvements to Tattan and Central City Park were completed.
- ✓ While chairman, he helped prepare the former city hall site on Ford Road for redevelopment, approved funding for the Westland Lions Pavilion/Westland Farmers Market expansion.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

- ✓ Westland Downtown Development Authority, Chairman
- ✓ Westland Master Plan Steering Committee Member
- ✓ Westland Area Jaycees
- ✓ Relay for Life of Westland-Wayne Leadership Member
- ✓ Diversity Advisory Board Pepsi Beverages
- ✓ Westland Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Past Member
- ✓ Westland Friendship Center Volunteer
- ✓ Westland Youth Assistance Summer Jobs Program Volunteer
- ✓ Westland Youth Athletic Association Volunteer
- ✓ Pets For Veterans Volunteer
- ✓ Habitat for Humanity Volunteer
- ✓ Toys for Tots Volunteer
- ✓ Autism Speaks Volunteer

A vote for Michael Londeau is a vote for:

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Trains

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General Jennifer Granholm challenged the CSX with a court action and defended a 1994 Michigan statue that prohibits trains from continuously blocking crossings for longer than five minutes. Each violation of the state statue resulted in a $500 fine and CSX was issued over 890 citations with potential fines exceeding $446,000. CSX then filed a countersuit against Plymouth in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan claiming the state statue is preempted by federal statues. The court agreed that the regulation was preempted by both the Federal Railroad Safety Act and the Interstate Commerce Commission Termination Act. Plymouth did not appeal.

In May of last year a CSX spokesperson told The Eagle the delays were the result of "operational changes," claiming the company had implemented infrastructure improvements and apologized for the "inconvenience,"

As city officials faced continued complaints, they established a direct 24-hour "Tell CSX" line to the railroad and posted the telephone number on area crossing gates. They urged disgruntled motorist to call U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow, Gary Peters and U.S. Rep. David Trott. Officials said they were told that CSX policy required that trains be broken into two parts whenever a blockage is expected to continue for more than 10 minutes.

Reports say CSX has recently changed routes and closed rail "hump" yards that sort the long trains. Hump yards are massive facilities that disassemble the trains by rolling them down an incline and directing the cars through switches to tracks where new trains are assembled.

In a written response to an inquiry by The Eagle, CSX Assistant Vice President for Media and Communications Rob Doolittle, apologized to Plymouth and Canton residents who have experienced blocked crossings.

"CSX is transitioning to a new operating model, called Precision Scheduled Railroading, which is intended to optimize the use of all assets, including locomotives, rail cars and infrastructure, in providing a cost-effective, reliable, predictable freight-transportation product to customers.

"This transition requires dramatic change in many aspects of the company's operations and some customers and other stakeholders have experienced unintended effects, including longer trains, as our organization has evolved. We have acknowledged these issues, and we are committed to working through and resolving them as quickly as possible. Safety remains our key priority and factors into every decision the company makes regarding its employees, customers and the communities we serve," Doolitte said.

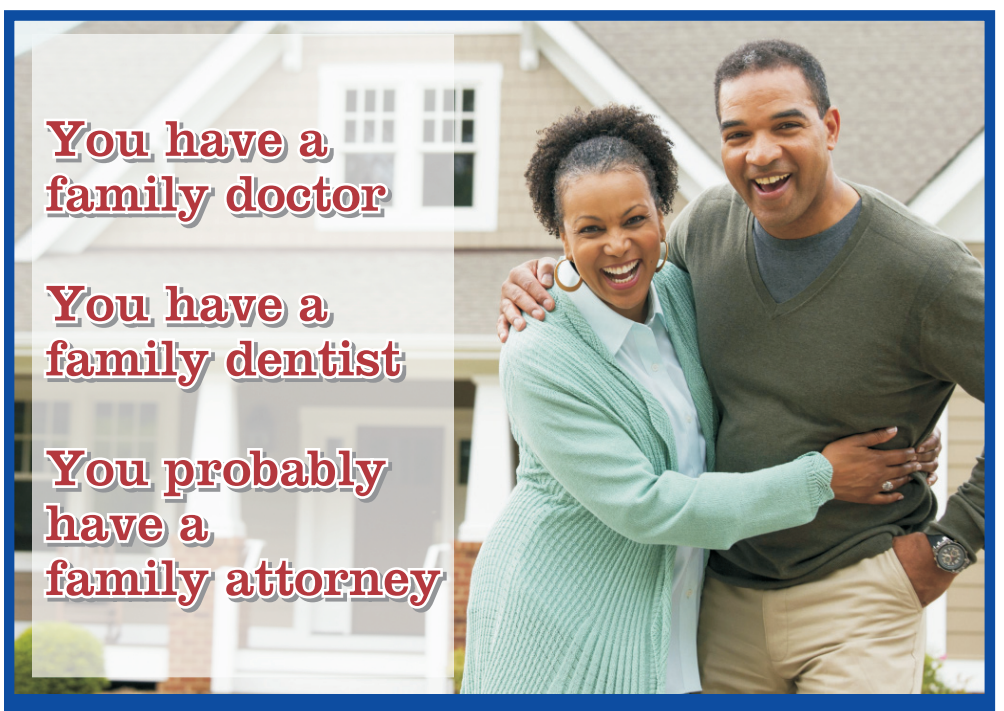
Doolittle said CSX has a contact website for concerned residents, www.csx.com/tellcsx.

Statistics show CSX employs 25,000 workers and has 21,000 miles of track that stretches into eastern Canada. The railroad giant based in Florida is now a monopoly connecting major cities like Miami, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Montreal and Boston.

According to a recent report in The Wall Street Journal, problems for CSX began this May and became worse by mid-summer. Details of railroad congestion, service delays and colossal trains blocking the tracks are said to be wreaking havoc not only with motorists, but business and industry. CSX is now one of only two railroad operators that handle nearly all rail shipments east of the Mississippi River. According the to the accounts, railroad logs show the transit time from Chicago to Colesburg, Tenn. is usually just a few days and earlier this month the actual ride time was posted as 18 days, 13 hours and 57 minutes.

This July a railroad regulator, the Surface Transportation Board, warned CSX to "Fix the service problem," after receiving customer complaints about service deterioration, including delays and congestion, long and unpredictable transit times time, railcars sitting in yards for days at time and numerous shipper complaints.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock reported that his office had not received any recent complaints of long trains or inordinate delays. According to Sincock, the blocking of grade crossings is not regulated by law.



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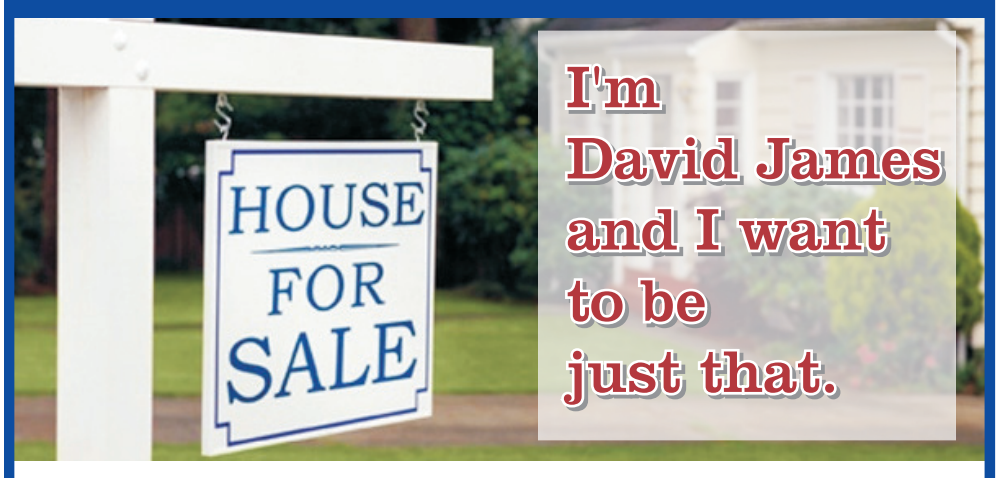

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Depending on the issue that is of interest to a resident,
Kevin claims to have the answer and a promise to fix whatever the problem might be in exchange for their vote.

DO NOT BE FOOLED by this political tactic.
DEMAND an explanation of HOW Kevin is going to pay for his promises!

KEVIN WON'T LET FACTS GET IN THE WAY OF ANY CAMPAIGN PROMISE

I'm going to hire 10 new police officers!
(Police department refuses to endorse him)

I will make neighborhoods a top priority!
(What does that mean?)

I'm going to lower your water bills!
(2/3 of water rates are controlled by Detroit Water Department)

I'm going to hire more firefighters!
(Firefighters won't endorse him)

I'm a Democrat!
(The Democratic Party refuses to endorse him)

I'm going to fix our roads!
(Road repair funding is controlled by State and County.)

I'm going to fight insider politics!
(Kevin and his cousin Peter Herzberg CREATED insider politics.)

I'm going to bring in new business!
(Just no minority-owned ones?)

I will restore services!
(Which services are missing?)

I'm a taxpaying resident like you!
(Not according to city and county official records.)

I'm a TEACHER!
(Really, Kevin? Really?)

I support law and order!
(Are you talking about the TV show?)

I'm going to cut your taxes!
(Are the new cops going to work for free?)

I'm going to cut your taxes!
(City services cost money, Kevin.)

I'm going to invest in infrastructure!
(Even though I've never paid a water bill.)

I'm going to reduce personnel costs!
(Ummm, how exactly?)

I'm a Republican!
(The Republican Party refuses to endorse him.)

I'm going to cut your taxes!
(Even though I have never paid property taxes.)

Vote for my 'self-employed' cousin Peter Herzberg who has a police record.

I voted NO on new development taxes
(One of my campaign workers used verbal threats and foul language in a dispute with a minority business owner over my campaign signs.)

I voted against paying for senior services in the city budget.

I live in a flat above Westland Lock and Key
(I don't pay property taxes.)

I don't have a job and give piano lessons part-time when I can find work.

One of my chief supporters suggested "putting a bullet" in the mayor's head and used the N-word at City Hall

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FLIP OR FLOP

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